
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
March 23, 2014**

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our church family, please fill out a "Visitor Card" found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate later in the service. Following the service, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, cookies and fellowship.

We also welcome Aaron Wetzel and Common Ground Church (CGC) to Fourth this morning. Last week, the boiler in CGC's facility broke down with a need for major repairs. So, the CGC family joins the Fourth family for worship and Aaron will lead with preaching today. CGC will also be holding a congregational meeting upstairs following worship at 11:20 AM. After today, CGC will hold worship services here at 3 PM on Sundays until the weather warms enough for them to go back to their facility without the need for a heating system. This will give CGC the time they will need to determine what God would have them do as it relates to the repairs and their current location/facilities/ministry.

PRELUDE Worship Team

Jesus Is A Rock in A Weary Land

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Tim Meendering

*All Creatures
O God, Our Help
Blessed Be Your Name*

PRAYER

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In Christ Alone

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
MISSION OFFERING FOR THE VAN DYKES

CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5.5 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT THIS TIME IN ROOM 3.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED Pastor Aaron Wetzel

"Three Ways To Go Two Ways"
Matthew 7:13-14 (p. 939)

Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, March 23

- **Nursery Workers:** Maria Dorn and Nancy Aukeman. Next week: Laura O'Brock and Marcia Schuur.
- **Greeters:** Marty Berthiaume and Mary Kay Townley. Next week: Nancy and Steve Springfield.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Branson Parler, Erin Berrevoets and Ellie McDowell. Next week: Amy Baragar and Caleb Coeling.
- **Coffee** will be served by Ruth Meendering and Chad & Amy Kooyer. Next week: Sandy Moll, Dianne Waterloo and Beth Rossiter.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise Team.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **Lifeline Groups.**

Tuesday, March 25

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 7:00 PM - **High School.**

Thursday, March 27

- 5:00 PM - **180.**

Saturday, March 29

- 10:00 AM - **Marriage Retreat.**

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- Pray for **Tim Brinks** as he undergoes surgery to remove 3 cm of bone out of his right femur on Tuesday. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and that his pain would be able to be controlled in the healing process.
- Pray for health, healing and flourishing of **marriages—especially those who will be participating in the marriage retreat.**
- Remember to join us for **prayer on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 PM.**
- **Gina Schalk's mother, Verniece Adair**, is now receiving care through hospice and they covet your prayers for relief from the pain and the daily encouragement that is ours through Jesus.
- Remember **Jerry Wierenga** as he recovers from basil cell surgery and continues with further treatment.
- Pray for **Diane Bingham**, retired Kent Hills teacher, as she perseveres through chemotherapy treatments. Pray that her white blood count would come up and that the infection around her port would respond to treatment. Also pray for strength, patience and encouragement. Thank you to Connie Scherpenisse for making a prayer shawl for Diane. It was greatly appreciated and Diane can feel the prayers that have been offered on her behalf.

Announcements

Mission of the Month for March is **Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke** with Christian Reformed World Missions. Joel & Marilyn and their two children live in Guatemala City. The most powerful way to redeem a high-risk urban community is to train, sustain, and mentor the leaders within that community. That is the great challenge of their ministry and they do it strategically through a five-fold process: **Mapping the hurt, hope and heart of the city, Networking** with churches, agencies, organizations and government, **Training** through internships and teaching, **Sustaining** through materials and various methods of encouragement, and **Modeling** by vision trips, partnerships and demonstration projects. Our mission offering for the Van Dykes will be this morning.

A Co-ed Softball Team? – Last week, as we asked for a list of men interested in playing on a softball team, there were a few women who indicated their interest in playing and so perhaps a co-ed team is a possibility. So, if you are interested—male or female—in playing on a softball team this year, please indicate on the sign-up sheet and we will work to possibly put something together. See Micah Meendering with any questions.

Kids Hope USA Easter Celebration will be held on April 2 from 6 - 8 PM. We will begin with a ham dinner followed by the telling of the Easter story. Kids Hope volunteers, please make your reservation by March 30.

Women's Ministry

- Reserve Saturday, April 5, for **breakfast at Russ'** on Plainfield. Sign up and join us at 9:00 for good food and great fellowship!
- A **Baby Shower** is being planned for the precious child of Micah & Erin Meendering!! They are registered at Babies R US. Sign up and help celebrate at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 15.

Fourth Marriage Retreat – March 29 at Fourth – We will enjoy times of learning from Scripture and each other through a “Newlywed Game,” testimonies, discussions, teaching, small groups and a panel. You are invited to join us—whether you are engaged or married—six months or sixty years. We will meet from **10 AM to 5 PM and you will be encouraged to go on a dinner date thereafter** to process some of what we have learned together. Please arrive by 9:50 AM so that you can pay and be settled for a prompt start. The cost will be \$15 per couple to cover the expenses such as snacks and a lunch that will be provided. **You can still sign up today.**

Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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Invite a friend and take up a post by helping with two important events - Good Friday and Easter are approaching quickly and we need your help. On Good Friday, April 18, we will again host a dinner and a powerful Tenebrae service in conjunction with New City Church and Creston Christian Reformed Church. So we need a few people to participate with a team that will organize the food and clean-up relating to the meal. Since we are hosting this event, our part will focus primarily on set-up and clean-up. And so we need especially a few people who are acquainted with the kitchen and dishwashing equipment. Please sign up to assist with this great event. We are also again planning to serve an Easter morning breakfast prior to our worship service. And so again, we need a few people who will assist with set-up (on Saturday) and clean-up. Please sign up to assist us in this important hospitality event AND, **every one of us is tasked with inviting at least one guest for our grand Easter celebration. And finally, please sign up for the Easter breakfast so that we know how much food to plan for!**

The King's Choraliars Male Chorus will present its 64th annual spring concert this evening at 8 PM at Ridgewood CRC, located at 1571 Baldwin Ave in Jenison.

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$576. Thanks to all those who faithfully order TRIP to benefit NCN. Jo-Ann Fabrics is now on the order form for all your sewing needs! Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM to continue our series on Lent. Snacks will be provided.
- **Community Garden** - If you currently have a garden plot, please talk to Eric Schalk to let him know if you are interested in having a plot again this year.
- **New City Urban Farm** - The farm continues to offer farm shares for 2014. We have full, half and quarter shares available. We are excited to be able to receive EBT with Double-up-Bucks this season for any farm share purchases. We also have an online application form for any high school students who would like to participate in our summer employment program. We will be hiring 8 students again this year. Pick up a farm brochure in the back, visit our website www.newcityneighbors.org/farm, or email Lance Kraai at lancek@newcityneighbors.org if you would like to receive more information.

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Sermon Notes: